

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Michael D. Cerny, D.O., a 47 year-old physician practicing in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was charged by the Board with violating a lawful order of the Board. Dr. Cerny entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on June 6, 2000, and his Iowa medical license was placed on probation under certain terms and conditions due to self-prescribing and substance abuse. Dr. Cerny has failed to comply with the terms of the June 6, 2000, Settlement Agreement. A hearing in this matter is set for January 11, 2001.

Mayna Meah Choudry, M.D., a 66 year old physician from Chowchilla, California, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. Dr. Choudry has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Pamela J. Christy, D.O., a 47 year-old physician practicing in Farmington, Iowa, was charged by the Board with professional incompetency for inappropriately prescribing excessive amounts of controlled substances to numerous patients. A hearing in this matter is set for January 11, 2001.

Edward Cooney, M.D., a 39 year-old physician from Mequon, Wisconsin, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. Cooney was charged with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of the State of Wisconsin. Dr. Cooney was disciplined by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board due to drug dependence. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board, Dr. Cooney's Iowa medical license is placed on probation under certain terms and conditions.

Kyu Il Lee, M.D., a 56 year-old anesthesiologist formerly practicing in Fort Madison, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public and with violating a lawful rule of the Board. The Board received information indicating that Dr. Lee was seen by another healthcare professional attempting to self inject a controlled substance while providing anesthesia services. The Board ordered that Dr. Lee undergo a physical, psychological and substance abuse evaluation. A hearing in this matter is set for January 31, 2001.

James A. Maroc, M.D., a 68 year-old physician practicing Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public and failure to comply with a lawful order of the Board. The Board received information indicating that on Dr. Maroc engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with two patients. The Board ordered that Dr. Maroc undergo a professional sexual misconduct evaluation. Dr. Maroc has failed to comply with the evaluation order. A hearing in this matter is set for January 11, 2001.

William J. Mehrl, M.D., a 77 year-old physician from Cascade, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Mehrl was charged with prescribing or dispensing controlled substances to an immediate family member in violation of Iowa law. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement Dr. Mehrl was issued a Citation and Warning and is prohibited from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances to immediate family members in the future.

Leslie J. Mintz, M.D., a 43 year-old physician from Ojai, California, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of another state. Dr. Mintz's California medical license was revoked due to a mental or physical illness, which impairs her ability to practice medicine safely. A hearing in this matter is set for March 8, 2001.

Kenneth H. Moon, D.O., a 58 year-old physician practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement Dr. Moon was ordered to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty and was issued a Citation and Warning for inappropriately utilizing pre-signed treatment forms in the treatment of numerous methadone patients in 1997.

Doreen L. Mowers, M.D., a 48 year-old physician from Loveland, Colorado, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. Mowers was charged with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of the State of Colorado. Dr. Mowers entered into a Stipulated Order with the State of Colorado, which prohibits her from practicing obstetrics under her Colorado medical license. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board, Dr. Mowers is prohibited from practicing obstetrics.

Suzanne E. Munns, M.D., a 44 year-old anesthesiologist practicing in Waterloo, Iowa, had her Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. The Board filed an Emergency Adjudicative Order immediately suspending Dr. Munns' license. Dr. Munns was charged with the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the abuse of drugs, engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public and professional incompetency. A hearing in this matter is set for January 9, 2001.

Scott B. Neff, D.O., a 45 year-old orthopedic surgeon practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in unethical and/or unprofessional conduct. The Board received information indicating that Dr. Neff, while performing surgery, inappropriately sprayed two healthcare providers with a surgical power irrigation device. A hearing in this matter is set for

January 11, 2001.

Robert C. Rutherford, M.D., a 59 year-old physician from Key West, Florida, was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the regulatory authority of the State of Florida. Dr. Rutherford was disciplined by the Florida Board for failure to maintain appropriate medical records for a single patient. A hearing in this matter is set for March 8, 2001.

Alan P. Skora, D.O., a 53 year-old surgeon from Dewitt, Iowa, had his ability to practice surgery under his Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. The Board filed an Emergency Adjudicative Order immediately suspending Dr. Skora's surgical practice. Dr. Skora was charged with professional incompetency and engaging practice harmful or detrimental to the public. A hearing is set for January 9, 2001.

Norman D. Thede, M.D., a 66 year-old physician formerly practicing in Britt, Iowa, was charged by the Board with professional incompetency for inappropriately prescribing excessive amounts of controlled substances to a patient. A hearing in this matter is set for January 11, 2001.

Emerson K. Wirtz, M.D., a 72 year-old physician from Marietta, Georgia, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. Wirtz was charged with prescribing or dispensing controlled substances to members of his immediate family in violation of Iowa law. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement Dr. Wirtz was issued a Citation and Warning for prescribing or dispensing controlled substances to immediate family members.

Lance Yeoman, D.O., a 48 year old general surgeon from formerly practicing in Osage, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Board. Dr. Yeoman's license is placed on probation for a period of five (5) years under certain terms and conditions. On December 16, 1999, Dr. Yeoman was charged with failing to meet the prevailing standard of care in his treatment of at least five patients. The Board issued an Emergency Adjudicative Order immediately restricting Dr. Yeoman's surgical practice.